



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Group Art Unit: 2852

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For: THERMAL FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

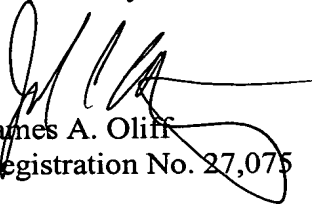
LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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Sir:

Please substitute the attached 9 sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1-12 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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